GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIANS IN MYANMAR JAIL
Meinya Dr. Thokchom

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that six Indian citizens from Manipur were arrested and put behind bars in Myanmar as they inadvertently crossed over to that country;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Myanmar Government for the release of these persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) Six Indian citizens from Manipur were arrested by Myanmar security personnel on July 16, 2013 near Tamu town on charges of entering Myanmar without valid pass.

On July 26, 2013, Embassy of India, Yangon was informed by Government of Myanmar about the arrest of six Indian citizens for illegal entry.

Thereafter, Government pursued the matter consistently in all interactions with the Government of Myanmar to grant amnesty and to release these citizens. Government of Myanmar released all six persons under President's General Amnesty on October 7, 2014.